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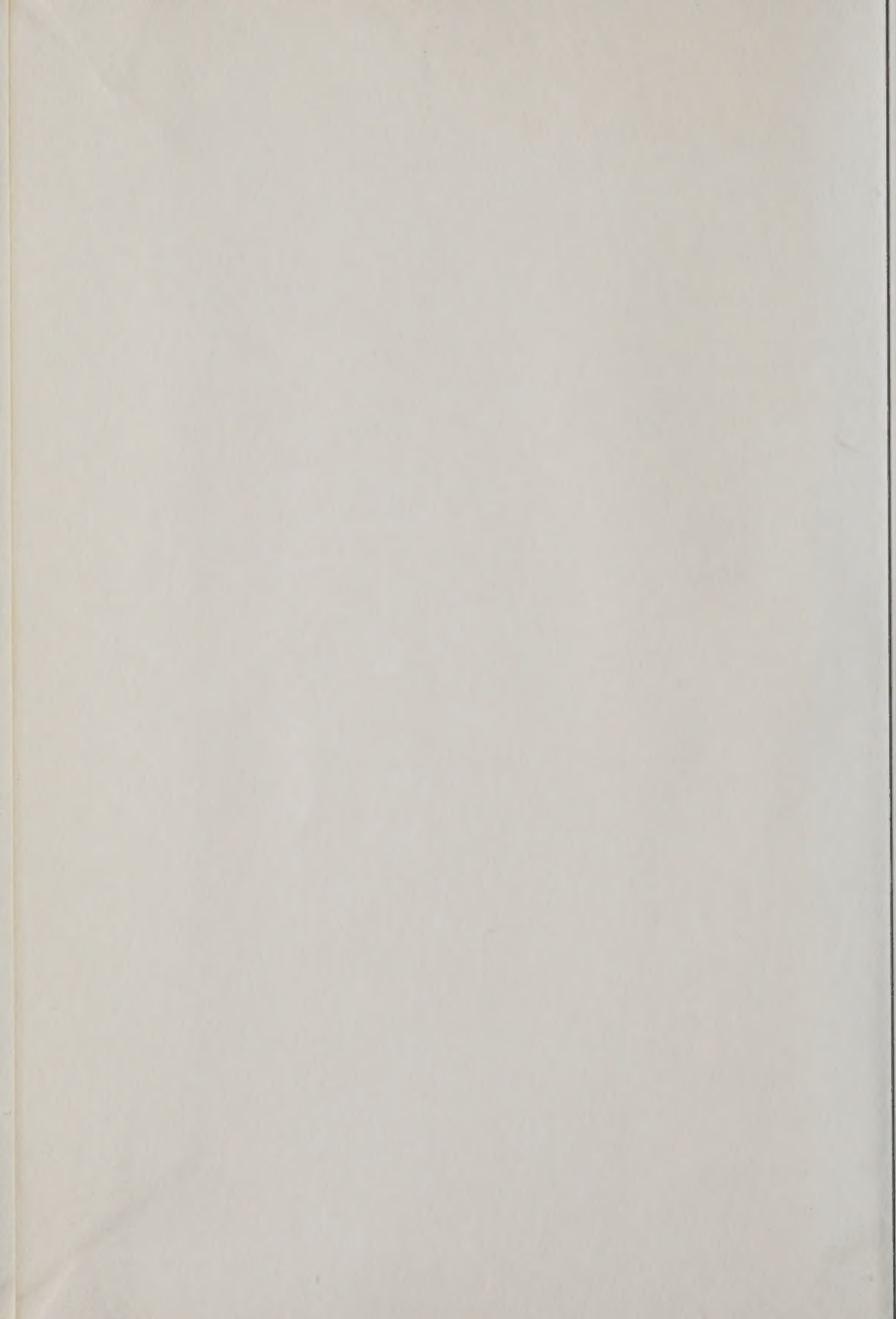
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## FOREWORD

In compiling this brief history of the Wyoming State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, we have been often handicapped by lack of material. Records of the early days were not always preserved, and it is difficult after these many years to find what really happened. We have, however, striven to tell about the state organization through the records of her regents and the work accomplished by the Chapters.

Since our State organization is small, we have included a brief account of each Chapter, where and when it was organized and in what manner it has contributed to the success of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

We regret that it is impossible to tell of the fine work accomplished by all of the members. The success of the organization was made possible only through the combined efforts of our membership of fine patriotic women, who have the love of Our Country and her ideals foremost in their hearts.

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State Historian

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Honorary State Regent





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STATE REGENTS

1894 - 1897

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution appointed Mrs. Margaret McGhee Baxter as the first State Regent of Wyoming. She was the wife of George W. Baxter, sixth Territorial Governor of Wyoming. In later years Mrs. Baxter removed to her native state of Tennessee where she again served the Society as State Regent.

1898 - 1900

\*Mrs. Helen Smith Warren, wife of Francis E. Warren, first State Governor of Wyoming and later United States Senator, was the second State Regent. Under Mrs. Warren's direction Jacques Laramie and Cheyenne Chapters were organized, and the hopes and plans of our pioneer members began to be realized. A bronze tablet was placed in Carnegie Library, Cheyenne, by the Cheyenne Chapter in memory of Mrs. Warren.

1900 - 1904

\*Mrs. Harriet Hunt Richards, wife of Governor William A. Richards, was next to assume the office of State Regent. She led a very active life, giving generously of her talents in the various places she lived. She gave freely of time and effort to advance the interests of the young organization. While living in Washington, Mrs. Richards was a member of various committees of the National Society.



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1904 - 1909

\*Mrs. Ida Harris Mondell, wife of Congressman Frank W. Mondell, was appointed State Regent by the National Board and served until plans were made for a State Conference. Though living in Washington, Mrs. Mondell retained her membership in Jacques Laramie Chapter but gave much service to the National Society, especially during the meetings of Congress, when she was a member of many important committees. She served as Chairman of the Program Committee of the National Congress in the years 1924, 1925 and 1926.

Her kindness and thoughtfulness in meeting and entertaining many a Wyoming delegate will always be gratefully remembered.

Mrs. Mondell's ability and worth were recognized by the National Society when she was elected a Vice President General in 1922. She was active for many years in the work of the Children of the American Revolution, serving as National Vice President and in 1919 elected National President of the Society. After six years of service in this capacity she was elected Honorary President for life.

Sheridan Chapter was organized during her regency.

1910 - 1914

The first State Conference was held in Cheyenne and \*Mrs. Emily Allen Patten, wife of Henry B. Patten, was elected State Regent.





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She had assisted in forming Cheyenne Chapter and now directed her energy to building a state organization. Fort Casper Chapter at Casper was organized during her term of office. The marking of historic spots and trails appealed to Mrs. Patten's patriotism and she gave much time and effort to the cause. This work so well begun was splendidly carried on by her successor.

#### 1914 - 1916

\*Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard brought much ability and many fine qualities to the position of State Regent. As Secretary of the Oregon Trail Commission, she prepared and had published a report of the marking of the Oregon Trail, the Bozeman Road and other historic places, giving much credit to the part taken by the Daughters of the American Revolution. This was along the line of her life work as Professor of Political Economy and Instructor in Wyoming History at Wyoming University. She is the author of a number of books, all dealing with historical subjects.

Dr. Hebard was an able speaker and often made addresses at meetings of patriotic, historical or civic interest. Her belief in practical patriotism was exemplified in the Americanization classes, which she conducted in preparing foreigners for citizenship. She also served as State Historian.

#### 1916 - 1918

During these years \*Mrs. Hallie Coffeen Gillette, wife of Edward Gillette, a business man of Sheridan,



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was State Regent. She was very active in many patriotic and civic organizations. Serving during World War I, she gave a splendid account of the war activities of the Chapters. From her report to the National Congress in 1919 we quote a paragraph of much interest. "It is a unique pleasure to be privileged to present to this honored and distinguished assembly the state flag of our great commonwealth, Wyoming. This flag was designed by a native daughter, Miss Keyes and was accepted by the State Legislature in 1917. In directing your attention to the buffalo you must become impressed by its symbolic meaning, "Wild West", once a bleak territorial plain with no Revolutionary history, today a bright and progressive state, matchless in its great achievements, the first sovereign state to adopt woman suffrage."

#### 1918 - 1922

Mrs. Mary Willard Brooks, wife of the late ex-Governor Bryant B. Brooks, served two terms as State Regent. Mrs. Brooks was appointed Organizing Regent for Fort Casper Chapter, and though she did not complete the organization, she spent much time creating interest and contacting eligible members. As State Regent she was a faithful attendant at the meetings of Continental Congress and brought to us much inspiration and information of the activities of the society. For several years at state meetings of the Federation of Women's Clubs, which was a large organization in comparison with the Daughters of the American Revolution, our small group held meetings, renewed





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friendships and exchanged ideas and plans for the work. The membership was increased by the addition of a new chapter at Newcastle and christened "Inyan Kara."

First as a member of Cheyenne Chapter and then as a charter member of Fort Casper Chapter, Mrs. Brook's loyalty and interest in D. A. R. has been unceasing.

Much credit is due the State Regents of this early period for their untiring zeal and enthusiasm. A study of the many markers, placed during this time, will give us a true estimate of the value of their work.

The growth of the organization was slow and as numbers were few and distances great, it was difficult to hold a yearly Conference. They kept us in touch, as much as possible, with the National Society thru letters and occasional meetings. As the membership increased, the chapters broadened their programs.

#### 1922 - 1924

\*Mrs. Louisa Carter Groshon, wife of Maurice Groshon of Cheyenne, came of an early pioneer family. Born at old Fort Bridger, she is said to have been the first white child born of resident parents in what is now Wyoming. During her term as State Regent much interest was manifested and two chapters were organized, Fort McKinney at Buffalo and Luke Voorhees at Lusk. Under Mrs. Groshon's supervision the First Federal Census of the Territory of Wyoming (1870) was copied from the original records in Washington.



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The records were bound in books and in the name of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Wyoming, copies were presented to Memorial Continental Hall, the Congressional Library and Wyoming University. In presenting this book Mrs. Groshon gave expression to these thoughts. "In a growing state such as ours, it is all important that we preserve all records, that will serve to stabilize the vague memories and fast-fading pictures handed down to us in stories of the past. Believing, as we do, that the 'men and women who band themselves together to preserve the records of this country are the true preservers of the nation,' the Wyoming Daughters of the American Revolution, in loyal appreciation of the citizens whose names appear in these records, present the volume as a tribute to the mighty achievement, the industry, the perseverance and the common sense of our intrepid early settlers."

1924 -

Mrs. Clara Foster Bacon, wife of E. P. Bacon, was a loyal member of Fort Casper Chapter. She was elected State Regent but on removing to California, the Vice Regent succeeded to the office.

1925 - 1928

\*Mrs. Virginia Benton Spear was the wife of Willis Bradford Spear, State Senator for many years and a prominent stockman of Sheridan. Coming to Wyoming as a young woman in territorial days, she knew the



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pioneer life and ever retained a deep interest in the early history of the state.

She was very active in her chapter and served as State Registrar and State Treasurer before becoming State Regent. She had many activities and devoted much time to projects for the betterment of the community. Washakie Chapter at Thermopolis and Elizabeth Ramsey Chapter at Wheatland were both organized in 1925. Mrs. Spear was deeply interested in plans for the marking of Indian battlefields and other historic spots, believing that is one of the best ways to preserve history.

1928 -

Mrs. Cora Brown Beach, wife of Alfred Holmes Beach, was a charter member of Inyan Kara Chapter. She removed from the state and the Vice Regent assumed the office of State Regent.

Mrs. Beach was active as a geneologist tracing the lines of many families with Revolutionary ancestry. As a member of a committee appointed by Mrs. Groshon, State Regent, she copied and indexed the first census of Wyoming Territory (1870) which is a part of the Federal census kept in Washington. Mrs. Beach has further preserved history for us by compiling and editing a book, "Women of Wyoming", which contains many interesting biographies and thrilling incidents in the lives of our pioneer women.

1928 - 1930

\*Mrs. Clara Hamstreet Burger, wife of Charles F.





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Burger succeeded Mrs. Beach as State Regent. As a charter member of Fort McKinney Chapter, she was known for her loyalty and patriotism and these fine qualities entered into her conscientious leadership. Mrs. Burger urged the need for greater care in the preservation of records and in many ways contributed to the growth and progress of the organization.

She was elected to a second term but her death occurred a few days after the election.

1930 - 1932

Mrs. Olive Roy Johnson, wife of the late Alfred Johnson, stockman, has been a valued member of Luke Voorhees Chapter since its organization. After serving in various chapter offices, she assumed the office of State Regent.

Reports of that period indicate that much splendid work was accomplished both for National Committees and local projects.

The George Washington Bi-centennial celebration engaged the attention of every chapter.

A noteworthy project of Luke Voorhees Chapter was the gift of eight Lots to the town of Lusk for a "beauty spot" and recreation center. It was called the George Washington Memorial Park.

Pilot Butte, a new chapter at Rock Springs, was welcomed into membership.



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1932 - 1934

\*Mrs. Mary Kingsley Corbett became our next leader. Her husband, John Corbett, was Athletic Coach at Wyoming University and a Past President of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Corbett was a devoted member of Jacques Laramie Chapter and served as State Recording Secretary before becoming State Regent. At her suggestion and under her supervision, the State Student Loan Fund was established, which gave assistance to many a University student in time of need. She was the author of several pageants which enriched various programs and brought into play her musical and literary ability. During her term of office, the greatly needed revision of the State Conference By-Laws was accomplished. National Defense was stressed and Americanism received much attention.

All chapters were urged to active loyalty to country and its principles, and to participation in worthy civic affairs.

Mrs. Corbett attended the Congress in 1933 and visited various chapters over the state.

1934 - 1936

Mrs. Sue Merriam Cooper, wife of Thomas Cooper, stockman, has had an unfailing interest in the Daughters of the American Revolution since becoming a charter member of Fort Casper Chapter. She was elected the first Registrar of the newly formed chapter





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and later served as Secretary, Parliamentarian and Regent.

As State Regent she urged greater cooperation from State Chairmen with results worthy of much commendation. Outstanding work was accomplished by the chairmen of Americanization and National Defense.

The first Handbooks were published in 1936 and a copy sent to each chapter Regent has proved a most valuable aid.

A generous sum was sent toward the purchase of the Wyoming bell in the Valley Forge Carillon. The By-Laws of the Student Loan Fund were revised, and the Student Loan Fund reached its first objective of One Thousand Dollars. Beside the National work every chapter had some worthwhile local project which filled a need in the community.

Mrs. Cooper visited eight of the widely scattered chapters and attended both Congresses. She also attended the ceremonies at the unveiling of the Madonna of the Trail Monument, erected by the National Society at Upland, California.

#### 1936 - 1938

Mrs. Jessie Berry Webster, wife of the late Rev. Hubert Webster, became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in her native state of Indiana. As the wife of a Methodist minister, she lived in several Wyoming towns, Newcastle, Thermo-



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polis and Rock Springs, and, as if by magic, D. A. R. chapters sprang up in each of these places. Much credit is due Mrs. Webster for her initiative in organizing these chapters and starting them on their patriotic careers. Always a leader in her chapter, she soon became a leader in the State society. The Good Citizenship Pilgrimage program was instituted during her term as State Regent.

A Wyoming flag was sent to the Naval Academy at Annapolis with Mrs. Mondell, former State Regent, making the presentation.

Mrs. Webster supervised the preparation of material featuring Wyoming in the July, 1938 National Historical Magazine. She was present at the Congress in 1936.

### 1938 - 1940

Mrs. Louise Andrews Mylar, wife of Dr. Wilbur K. Mylar, is an enthusiastic member of Cheyenne Chapter. She served the organization in many ways before being elected State Regent.

She stressed the need for an increase in membership and the benefit to those who may join. Several awards from the National Society were received during Mrs. Mylar's administration—one for the greatest increase in the number of Clubs of Junior American Citizens and another for the greatest increase in numbers in these Clubs.

The 50th Anniversary of the National Society





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was observed by the chapters with programs or by completing some worthy project.

Mrs. Mylar's deep interest in D. A. R. has been the incentive for her attendance at Congress a number of times, thus keeping in close touch with the activities of the society. She also made many trips about the state to advance the interests of the organization.

#### 1940 - 1942

Mrs. Ethel Kissick Galt, a valued member of Fort McKinney Chapter, was next chosen to direct the destiny of the State Society. Prior to becoming State Regent, she had been a very efficient State Treasurer.

Mrs. Galt stressed the importance of increasing membership with good results. Excellent programs were reported from all chapters. Junior American Citizenship again received an award from the National Society for its splendid work in the state.

Mrs. Galt attended the 49th and 50th Congresses and received much inspiration from them. She was impressed with the needs of that period and felt the Daughters had a definite work to do. She urged greater effort in National Defense, Americanism and Red Cross work.

#### 1942 - 1944

Mrs. Nellie Robinson Wales, wife of Fred Wales, was born in Massachusetts but early in life came with



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her parents to make their home in the West. Understanding pioneer life, she has a deep interest in state and local history and has written sketches of the lives of early settlers and of historical events. She has had much experience in Educational work, teaching and serving as County Superintendent at one time.

In her local chapter, Mrs. Wales has served as Regent two terms and as Historian several terms. While serving as Second Vice Regent she was in charge of gathering and preparing material for the special Wyoming edition of the National Historical Magazine. As State Regent she directed attention to the care of records and steel files were purchased for the use of the State Registrar. Although hampered somewhat by war restrictions, the chapters were able to give reports of much work accomplished along many lines.

### 1944 - 1946

Mrs. Georgia Lewis O'Marr, our present State Regent, is the wife of Attorney General Louis J. O'Marr. Her work and leadership in Sheridan Chapter were steps to her present position. In company with all other State Regents, she has had many obstacles to overcome during these war years. No Conference was held last year, necessitating much more correspondence than usual.

Mrs. O'Marr has continued the work of the care and preservation of valuable records and secured a





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place for them in the Supreme Court Building in Cheyenne, under the care of the State Historian.

The reports of war work accomplished are most inspiring.

Many members worked at Red Cross sewing or rolling bandages, while others were Gray Ladies. Buddy Bags were made, money was sent to the plasma fund and many other kinds of war work received their support.

\* Deceased.





## STATE CONFERENCE OF WYOMING

N. S. D. A. R.

Taken at the home of A. A. Slade, Laramie, Wyoming  
August, 1936

1. Mrs. Clarence Adams, Denver. State Regent of Colorado.
2. Mrs. Gerald Schuyler, Denver. Vice President General.
3. Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard, Past State Regent of Wyoming.
4. Mrs. Florence Hague Becker, President General, N.S.D.A.R.
5. Mrs. Thomas Cooper, State Regent of Wyoming.
6. Mrs. Winfield Tarbell, Denver. Past State Regent of Colorado.
7. Mrs. Hubert Webster, State Vice Regent, Wyoming.
8. Mrs. B. B. Brooks, Past State Regent, Wyoming.
9. Mrs. John Corbett, Past State Regent, Wyoming.



## HISTORIC SPOTS AND TRAILS

"Poor is that Nation that has no heroes; but beggared is the country that having them, forgets."

One of the aims of the Daughters of the American Revolution, stated in their Constitution, is: "To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments." We have no battlefields or landmarks of 1776 to commemorate but, in the winning of the West, the pages of history glow with deeds of heroic adventure and acts of courage. No phase of the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been more willingly undertaken nor created deeper interest among its members than that of marking places of historic interest.

Wyoming has many of them—trading and military posts, stage stations, sites of Indian battlefields, and old trails. By an act of the State Legislature some years ago the Oregon Trail Commission was created, whose duty was to mark the Oregon Trail in the state of Wyoming. Mrs. H. B. Patten and Dr. Grace Hebard, former State Regents, were members





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of this Commission. Cooperating with the Oregon Trail Commission were the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution and interested citizens, who helped in selecting sites for markers and gave time, effort and financial aid to the cause.

Today the Wyoming Historical Landmarks Commission has acquired many of these cherished spots and is preserving them for future generations.

Entering the state from the Southeast, that historic highway, the Oregon Trail, followed the valley of the Platte to the bend in the river near the central part of the state. Then turning in a Southwesterly direction, it passed Independence Rock, traversed the Sweetwater valley, through South Pass and on West.

The road was traveled by the fur traders and trappers, by hunters, adventurers, explorers, missionaries and homeseekers. The deep furrows, still to be seen in many places, bring to our minds a picture of the plodding oxen, the slow moving wagons, the dusty road and the men and women—faces bright with hope or saddened by some tragic event—but with determination to press on to the promised land of Oregon. Thousands passed over this historic highway and many found their last resting place beside the Trail.

To honor the memory of these brave pioneers, various organizations have placed markers at points of historical value along the trail, but only those with



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which the Daughters of the American Revolution have been connected are mentioned in this booklet.

We are indebted to the early reports and records of Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard and Mrs. H. B. Patton and to the Historians of the chapters for these records.

The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution of Nebraska and Cheyenne on April 4th, 1913 placed an imposing monument on the boundary line between the two states where the old Oregon Trail crossed the State's line. The stone of granite is on the South side of the North Platte River, near the present village of Henry, Nebraska. The site of this boundary stone bears unusual significance aside from being on the trail and the boundary line of two adjoining states. It was near the site of this stone that in December, 1812 a remnant of the John Jacob Astor overland expedition, which had gone to the Pacific Coast, on its returning journey camped for several months before pushing on to St. Louis, which had been the point of departure for the West.

Mrs. Charles Oliver Norton, State Regent of Nebraska and Mrs. H. B. Patton, State Regent of Wyoming, unveiled the monument and presented it to their respective states. This was followed by an address by Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard.

General John Charles Fremont made several expeditions to the West. The trail made by General Fremont and his men became in later years a part of





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the Overland Trail. Jacques Laramie Chapter erected a monument of grey Salida granite to mark the trail. At the unveiling of the marker on July 1, 1911, the exercises were conducted by Mrs. C. P. Arnold, Acting Regent of Jacques Laramie Chapter, and Mrs. William Reed, Chaplain. The main address was given by Miss Grace Raymond Hebard on "Trailbreakers."

Fort Sanders, once known as Fort Buford, situated three miles South of the City of Laramie, was constructed in July, 1866 and abandoned in May, 1882. It was built as a protection against the Indians for men working as tie choppers, for the mail route and for the builders of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Jacques Laramie Chapter on July 18th, 1914 unveiled a monument on the site of Fort Sanders, the State and the Chapter furnishing the marker. Mrs. J. H. Abbot, Chapter Regent, unveiled the monument; Mrs. R. E. Fitch, ex-Regent delivered an address on "Marking Historical Places"; Governor J. M. Carey spoke on "The Early History of Wyoming and the Building of Fort Sanders."

Near the base of Elk Mountain, in 1862, was established Fort Halleck, named for the one-time U. S. Secretary of War, Major General Halleck. This fort was also a stage and express station for the Overland Route which was South of the Oregon Trail. To mark this strategic point of the sixties, a granite monument



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was placed by the State, Mrs. Inez Kortess of Elk Mountain and the Jacques Laramie Chapter.

Fort Laramie was the most significant and substantial of the posts on the Oregon Trail, situated on the South side of the North Platte near its junction with the Laramie River. The fort has also been called Fort William and Fort John. In 1834 the old post was constructed by William Sublette and Robert Campbell as a fur trading center. The post remained in the possession of fur traders until 1849 when it was sold to the Government and garrisoned as a military post. To the weary travelers on the Oregon Trail, Fort Laramie was a haven of refuge, where they might rest in safety and repair their wagons before continuing on their journey. A monument, fourteen feet high, built of concrete has been erected at Fort Laramie.

In the morning of June 17, 1915, ceremonies were held at the monument, when Mrs. John Hunton, a member of the D. A. R. unveiled the marker; Hon. Joseph M. Carey spoke on "The Life of the Pioneer", and Miss Grace Raymond Hebard, State Regent, told of "The Significance of Fort Laramie on the Oregon Trail." In the afternoon of the same day two Oregon Trail Markers, near the fort were unveiled. Ceremonies were held at both markers, Miss Alice Hebard of the Cheyenne Chapter unveiling one of them. The State Regent and the Governor made addresses.



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Next in importance to Fort Laramie was Fort Bridger, a distance of 403 miles from Fort Laramie. It was established as a trading post and later became a military post. This was the early home of Mrs. Groshon, a past State Regent. The Monument was erected in 1914.

On the boundary line, where the Overland Stage Route entered Wyoming from Colorado, a monument of Colorado granite has been placed. It was erected by the State of Wyoming and chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Cache La Poudre, Fort Collins, Colorado, Centennial, Greeley, Colorado and Jacques Laramie. The unveiling took place on July 4, 1917 with people from Colorado as well as Wyoming in attendance. The stone was unveiled by Mrs. James Mathison, Regent of Jacques Laramie Chapter. The program included addresses by Miss Hebard, State Regent; Mrs. P. J. McHugh, Regent of the Fort Collins Chapter; Mrs. Fitch, ex-Regent of Jacques Laramie Chapter and other patriotic citizens of both states.

Twenty miles West of Cheyenne is a state monument to mark the site of Camp or Fort Walback. It was erected for the purpose of giving protection to the many emigrants through a country infested with Indians. The unveiling ceremonies took place in September of 1916, conducted by Mrs. Maurice Groshon, Regent of the Cheyenne Chapter and Mrs. John F. Carey, Chairman of the occasion. Mrs. Groshon gave





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a history of the camp; Hon. Joseph M. Carey spoke of the "Pioneer" and Miss Grace Hebard, State Regent spoke on "Trails to the West."

On December 10th, 1869, Governor John A. Campbell signed a bill granting suffrage to women in Wyoming. In commemoration of this act, the Cheyenne Chapter, the Sons of the American Revolution and a few interested citizens of Cheyenne donated a bronze tablet. It was placed on a building now standing on the site of the old building, where the First Legislature was held. The unveiling ceremonies were conducted by Mrs. Maurice Groshon, Regent of the Cheyenne Chapter on July 21, 1917. The program featured addresses by Miss Grace Raymond Hebard, State Regent, and Hon. Joseph M. Carey.

The most famous landmark on the Oregon Trail is Independence Rock called by Father DeSmet "The Register of the Desert." On July 4, 1920, Mrs. B. B. Brooks, State Regent, in charge of the program, introduced Miss Grace Raymond Hebard, State Historian, who unveiled the marker and spoke on "The Trail to the West."

On July 5, 1920, under the direction of the Daughters of the American Revolution, by Mrs. B. B. Brooks, State Regent, a monument was dedicated to mark the Oregon Trail and to honor the memory of Casper Collins. The stone, located a mile and a half West of Casper, was donated by the State of Wyom-



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ing, Fort Casper Chapter and the Commissioners of Natrona County. The marker was unveiled by Mrs. Thomas Cooper, Regent of Fort Casper Chapter, ex-Governor B. B. Brooks spoke on "Forty Years Ago" and Miss Hebard, State Historian, spoke on "Indian Battles."

In 1922 the Jacques Laramie Chapter placed a bronze tablet bearing the inscription, "This tablet marks the site where the first Woman Jury served during 1870."

In 1930 they placed a marker in Telephone Canyon, the first in the West through which a telephone line was run.

Through the efforts of Mrs. J. F. Jenkins, Cheyenne Chapter received permission to place a marker at Camp Carlin on the Fort Russell Military Reservation (now Fort Warren). A beautiful granite shaft, gift of Warren Richardson, was dedicated September 30, 1928. Several patriotic organizations joined Cheyenne Chapter in the ceremonies. Talks were made by Mrs. Hale, Chapter Regent; Governor Frank Emerson, Major Bolles and Judge Thompson.

Simple but impressive ceremonies were held on the afternoon of May 26, 1937 when Fort Casper Chapter dedicated the handsome memorial arch which spans the entrance to Fort Casper Park.

This memorial on the old Oregon Trail was made



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possible through the efforts of Fort Casper Chapter under the direction of Mrs. Marvin L. Bishop, Jr., Chapter Regent. Danola Doty Anthes, Bobby Lue Meigh and June Evans Bishop unveiled the tablets on each side of the arch. Mrs. Bishop introduced the program, which consisted of Music by the High School Band and a stirring, patriotic address by Hon. Charles E. Winter. The bronze tablet on the right contains historical data concerning the site and the left one bears the inscription:

“Love thou thy land with love far brought  
From out the storied Past.”

In 1914 Sheridan Chapter placed a large gray granite monument and base on the site of the first cabin erected in the City of Sheridan in 1878.

Two markers given by the State of Wyoming were placed by the Sheridan Chapter on the Bozeman Trail in 1937.

In 1939 a marker was placed and dedicated on the location of one of the camping sites of General Crook, who campaigned through this part of the country in 1876.

Two markers were placed on the Bozeman Trail—one near Dayton in 1936.

A recreational lake in the Big Horn Mountains on Prune Creek was constructed not far from the trail of the well known “Sibley Scout.” The Supervisor of the Big Horn Forest Reserve asked the Sheridan





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Chapter to name the lake. Mrs. D. E. Gwinn suggested Sibley Lake. A bronze plaque with an historical description of the site has been placed at the lake.

On the Cheyenne-Deadwood Trail is the Hat Creek marker, erected in 1927 by the Luke Voorhees Chapter at the Stage Station at the crossing of Hat Creek.

A marker, erected by Washakie Chapter, near the site of the "Tub" used by Chief Washakie, was dedicated in 1928.

Fort McKinney Chapter placed a marker on the Bozeman Trail near Buffalo in 1932.

Mrs. Dickie Lee Shipp and Mrs. Mary Willard Brooks, Organizing Regents of Fort Casper Chapter, have been honored by a bronze plaque placed in the Woman's Clubhouse. This was a project of the Historic Spots Committee of the chapter with Mrs. Wilson S. Kimball as Chairman.

Elizabeth Ramsey Chapter has located several places of historical interest which they have marked with cairns, hoping to replace them later with permanent markers.



## *Chapter Reports*

### JACQUES LARAMIE CHAPTER

#### Laramie, Wyoming

Newspaper accounts reveal that on December 16, 1899 Jacques Laramie Chapter was organized, the first chapter in the state, by Mrs. Francis E. Warren, who had been appointed State Regent by the National Society in 1898. The name of the chapter is particularly appropriate. Jacques Laramie was a French Canadian fur trapper and trader, who acted as arbitrator between the Indians and the Northwestern Fur Company. He was massacred by the Indians before 1820. For him was named Laramie Range, Laramie Peak, Laramie Plains, Laramie County, Laramie City and Fort Laramie. Mrs. Warren appointed Grace Reymond Hebard as the first Regent of the Chapter, and Dr. Hebard served from 1899 to 1901.

In all their activities Jacques Laramie Chapter has stressed National Defense and the theme of Americanization. Each year a tea is held on George Washington's birthday to which guests are invited.

They have presented some very fine programs, including the pageant "International Night", under the direction of Mrs. Corbett, on February 22, 1924.

On July 4, 1928, the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founding of Laramie, the Pioneer Committee invited Jacques Laramie Chapter to mark with placards the first buildings or sites, such as the first church, the first school, the first newspaper and etc.



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The Chapter has given generously to the Student Loan Fund, Valley Forge Memorial, the different War project funds, Approved Schools and other activities sponsored by the National Society. One of the most successful and outstanding events of the Chapter's recent activities was the War Project Tea held in the beautiful Robert Fey Memorial Garden. At the present time they are assisting on the Citizens Advisory Committee dealing with returning veterans' problems.

They have striven to attain the goal as stated in the Object of the National Society: "To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty."





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### CHEYENNE CHAPTER

#### Cheyenne, Wyoming

The National Board of Management appointed Mrs. Francis E. Warren State Regent of Wyoming in 1898. She appointed Emily A. Patton and Grace Raymond Hebard to form the Laramie and Cheyenne Chapters.

The Cheyenne Chapter was formed on September 12, 1900, at the home of Emily Patton. The election of officers resulted in Emily Patton, Regent; Henrietta Bond, Vice Regent; Anna K. Parshall, Secretary; Mary A. Bartlett, Treasurer; Florence L. Voorhees, Registrar and Alice Hebard, Historian. In choosing a name, that of the "Cheyenne Chapter" was adopted.

One year later Mrs. Warren died and a bronze tablet was placed in Carnegie Library in honor of her.

In all the programs and activities of the chapter Americanism and the spirit of patriotism have been emphasized. Since Cheyenne is the state capitol, the chapter has had the opportunity to have many well known and famous people as guest speakers. Among these were Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard, Prof. Ralph Hubbard, Judge Matson, Judge Bloom, Gen. John M. Jenkins, Col. Dougherty and Dr. A. G. Crane.

Each year a tea is given, when members of the Pioneer Club, also the legislative ladies, if legislature is in session, are received. The annual spring luncheon is another guest day.

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The chapter has given within its means, supplemented by gifts from friends and in earlier days by an occasional tea, white elephant sale or card party. A chair in Continental Hall was purchased in memory of Mrs. Maurice Groshon and a donation from Mr. Chas. Burdick bought a chair for Mrs. Burdick. A book, "Personal Recollections of Pioneer Life" written by Mrs. Luke Voorhees, a charter member, was presented to the library in Continental Hall. They have given to the Valley Forge Carillon of Bells, the Educational Loan Fund, Approved Schools and Ellis Island.

In World Wars I and II, they gave generously both in time and money to the Red Cross, the Blood Plasma Fund and the U.S.O. centers. They assisted in sponsoring the L.C.I. ship. They worked enthusiastically in all the drives, raising money and collecting books, records, and magazines for the soldiers.

In 1928 Mrs. Jenkins presented the chapter with a beautiful silk flag and standard.

In cooperation with 12 other organizations, Constitution Day is recognized by welcoming all new citizens who have been naturalized throughout the year and those reaching their majority.



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### SHERIDAN CHAPTER

#### Sheridan, Wyomnig

On December 15, 1910, the Sheridan Chapter of D. A. R. Chapter Number 944 was organized in Sheridan, Wyoming by Mrs. C. W. Garbutt. Mrs. Garbutt had been for some years a member-at-large. She was the daughter of Mr. J. D. Loucks, who founded the City of Sheridan on May 10th, 1892.

There were twenty-five charter members who elected the following officers: Regent, Mrs. C. W. Garbutt; Vice Regent, Mrs. Edward Gillette; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Godwin; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lucy Terrill; Registrar, Mrs. D. E. Gwinn; Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Cutter; Historian, Mrs. Jack Peret.

The Sheridan Chapter is located in the center of the country where the Indians made their last stand; and where some of the bloodiest battles of the Indian Wars were fought. Among those were the Fetterman Massacre and the famous Wagon-Box fight. The latter is considered by historians as the most important battle fought on Wyoming soil, as it marked the decline of the sway of Red Cloud and his Sioux and the restoration of the prestige of the United States Army.

Among the regular activities of the Sheridan Chapter are:

Appropriate commemoration of Wyoming Day, December 10th which marks the passage of the Woman's Suffrage Law, December 10th, 1869.





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Washington's wedding anniversary or birthday.

Annual presentation of a bronze name plate for the highest grade in American History in the eighth grade school.

Stories of early days, events, and pioneers, collected.

Selection of candidate for Good Citizenship award and placing of markers at historical spots.

During World War II the Chapter has taken active part in all Defense, Red Cross and National projects connected with the War.

Down through the years this Chapter has assisted in many ways with the work and entertainment of the Veteran's Hospital located in Sheridan.



## FORT CASPER CHAPTER

### Casper, Wyoming

Through the efforts of Mrs. B. B. Brooks and Mrs. E. Richard Shipp, organizing regents, Fort Casper Chapter, D. A. R. was organized and accepted by the National Society in 1914.

The first meeting was held May 28, 1914. The name of Fort Casper was chosen, in honor of the brave Lieutenant, Caspar Collins, who lost his life when he was attacked by Indians, while trying to rescue a wagon train coming into the fort.

The following officers were elected: Regent, Dickie Letitia Wright Shipp; Vice Regent, Mary Naomi Brooks; Recording Secretary, Erma Hanna Kocher; Registrar, Sue Merriam Cooper; Treasurer, Kathleen Leavitt Linn; Historian, Henrietta Thompson Grieve.

Fort Casper Chapter has grown from a membership of 18 charter members to 91. They have always been so enthusiastic in the service of the organization, it would be impossible to list all of their achievements. The following list is only a few of their activities.

During World War I, the members devoted all of their time to war relief, and adopted financially, two French children, whose father had been killed, so their mother could support them at home.

In 1919, a Colonial Flag was made by the members with Mrs. Blanche Shumaker directing the work. Also a resolution was passed to aid the State Librarian in her effort to secure state legislation to establish a



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department for the maintenance and preservation of historical relics, data, and soldier's records.

In 1922, "C" pins were first issued to the local high school, to students with high scholastic standing. These pins have been presented every six weeks in all the years following, and have proven a real incentive to students.

Lineage Books were purchased and placed in the Public Library.

In this same year, a local C. A. R. Chapter was organized.

Under the leadership of Mrs. I. E. Clark an outstanding record was made in securing new members.

Much effort has been expended in Americanization and Naturalization work, with members of the Chapter conducting classes in English for foreigners desiring to become citizens.

The Chapter has always donated generously to Approved Schools, Angel Island, Ellis Island, Student Loan Fund, and the National Shrine at Valley Forge.

In 1939-40, the first work in Junior American Citizenship was begun under Mrs. Marvin L. Bishop, Jr. Two National prizes were won, for the second place in the most new clubs organized and for outstanding patriotic work in the state. Forty nine clubs were organized in the Casper schools.

The Chapter is to be especially commended for all their fine work during World War II. They bought bonds, donated 100% to the Blood Plasma Fund, helped in Red Cross and at the local air base.





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### INYAN KARA CHAPTER

#### Newcastle, Wyoming

The Newcastle Chapter of D. A. R. was organized on April 30, 1921 by Mrs. Jessie Berry Webster the Organizing Regent. Mrs. Webster was elected Regent.

The Chapter is named for Inyan Kara Mountain, which lies forty miles West of Newcastle, and as the Indian name indicates, means "A Mountain within a Mountain." In the Volcanic age, during which the great West was first a sea of water and then a sea of fire, a new mountain was upheaved through the very center of an older one, leaving but the rim of the latter intact, which still grimly encircles its rocky usurper. This curious formation is similar to that of the well known Devil's Tower.

While Regent, Mrs. Webster presented the Chapter with a flag which she got at the Centennial Celebration of Indiana.

Although Inyan Kara Chapter has only eight active members and twelve non-resident members, the amount of work accomplished is truly amazing.

They have contributed more than any other chapter in the state to the Student Loan Fund.

They have purchased many books of historical value for local use and to be sent to National.

Both money and boxes of needed materials have been sent to Angel Island, Ellis Island, and several of the approved schools.



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They have contributed to Constitution Hall, the Kenmore fund, the Phillipine fund, Memorial Library, Red Cross, National Defense, Blood Plasma and a memorial chair in memory of Mrs. Maurice Groshon.

They have purchased two memorial trees, and marked many graves.

During the war, 60 buddy bags were made and filled by the chapter and also 415 "Housewives" cut and made. They contributed much time in sewing and clerical work to the Red Cross.

Inyan Kara Chapter has entered into the social life of their community in many ways to better it, giving entertainments, such as picnics for old timers, colonial teas and a float for the 50th anniversary parade of Newcastle.

To accomplish all this work they raised money by giving teas, bake sales, dances, selling Christmas cards and sponsoring picture shows.



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### FORT McKINNEY CHAPTER

Buffalo, Wyoming

In October, 1923, Mrs. Clara Bond invited all the ladies of Buffalo that she knew to be eligible to the Daughters of the American Revolution to meet with her at the Johnson County Library. Mrs. Bond had been appointed Organizing Regent. Applications were made out and sent to the National Society, and the name Fort McKinney was selected.

The following officers were elected: Regent, Mrs. Clara Bond; Vice Regent, Mrs. J. C. Van Dyke; Treasurer, Mrs. George Munkres; Secretary, Mrs. Bruce Watt; Registrar, Mrs. Frank Long; Historian, Mrs. Alice Mather.

Fort McKinney Chapter was confirmed by the National Society on December 6, 1923.

The Chapter takes its name from the Army fort established in 1878, and named for Lieut. John A. McKinney, who had been killed November 25, 1876, in the fight against the Cheyennes on the Red Fork of Powder River, in the campaign which followed the defeat of Generals Crook and Custer earlier in that year. The fort was abandoned in the Fall of 1894, and its site was made over to the State of Wyoming, which now maintains a Soldier's Home there.

The Chapter has always taken great interest in frontier history, and many of their programs have been developed from that subject. Many of the papers





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read have been printed, by request, in various newspapers and in the records of the State Historical Society.

Among those whose work was outstanding may be mentioned Mrs. Lutie Van Dyke, Mrs. Julia Brock and Mrs. Edith Chappell.

The state flag of Wyoming, adopted by the legislature, was designed by a member of the chapter, Mrs. Verna Keyes, in a competition sponsored by the state Society of the D. A. R.

For many years Fort McKinney Chapter entertained the Civil War Veterans of the Soldier's Home until the last one died. They also entertained the pioneer women of the community.

They have contributed generously to the Student Loan Fund, the Approved Schools and Girl Scouts.



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### LUKE VOORHEES CHAPTER

#### Lusk, Wyoming

On September 12, 1924 a meeting was called at the home of Mrs. Elvira Olinger for the purpose of organizing a D. A. R. Chapter. Mrs. Cora Beach made most of the arrangements, and prepared the applications. Under her leadership the "Robert Campbell Chapter", Daughters of the American Revolution was officially accepted by the National Society on October 8, 1924. Mabel Edmondson was the first Regent. There were eleven charter members.

In 1926, with Mrs. Olinger as Regent, plans were begun for placing a marker at "Old Fort Hat Creek." This was completed in 1928, while Mrs. Giinther was in office.

During this time the Chapter became discontented with their name, thinking it too remote, and wished it named for notable people of their own community. They made application for a change of name and were allowed to accept the name of "Luke Voorhees" on December 6, 1927.

In 1928, while Mrs. Olive Johnson was Regent, nine Lots were bought from the town of Lusk to be used as a city park. Plans were then begun to move their log cabin to these Lots. This log cabin came from the ranch of Eugene Willson and was the first cabin built in Niobrara County in 1880. It is built of native logs and has a large fireplace. All meetings are held here when the weather permits. There is a kitchen in



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connection with the large main rooms. In the big living room, there is an old spinning wheel, old picture of the West, a large rug and various items of interest of the old pioneer days. The building was built on the bank of the stream "Running Water" about midway between Lusk and Manville. In 1937 the cabin was christened the Eugene B. Willson Cabin and a tree was dedicated to his memory on May 10, 1938.

Among the many activities of Luke Voorhees Chapter is the annual Patriots Essay Contest in the schools with the awards presented to the winners at the George Washington Birthday party.

They have sponsored the furnishing of milk to undernourished children in the schools, given public card parties and teas to raise funds for their many projects and sent boxes to both Angel and Ellis Island. They have donated to Constitution Hall, the Student Loan Fund, Valley Forge and Approved Schools.

Throughout the War they gave more than 100% to both the Blood Plasma and Library Funds. In addition the members gave much in time and money to all the war activities.





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### WASHAKIE CHAPTER

#### Thermopolis, Wyoming

Interest in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was aroused in Thermopolis by Mrs. Hubert Webster. Through her influence a D.A.R. Chapter had been organized at Newcastle, Wyoming, her former home.

A few ladies were found who had membership elsewhere or "at large," and with the help of these a sufficient number of others who were eligible were contacted. Mrs. B. B. Brooks of Casper, one of the first members in the state, was present and conducted the first meeting of organization on January 15, 1925. A very interesting and instructive paper on the life and character of Chief Washakie, was read by Mrs. Clare R. Menger. The name of Washakie was unanimously chosen. The new chapter with its constitution and By-Laws was accepted by the National Society, February 5, 1925.

There were seventeen members, and the following officers elected: Regent, Mrs. Hubert Webster; Vice Regent, Mrs. Edith H. Wright; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Bertram; Treasurer, Miss Clarissa M. Ingalls; Historian, Mrs. Otto Menger; Registrar, Mrs. Wm. Virgin; Chaplain, Mrs. P. T. Fortner.

The following March the chapter gave an artistic Pageant to place funds in the new treasury and to make their debut as a patriotic organization. Through-



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out the following years they have sponsored good picture shows, sold Birthday calendars and various other things to raise money, in order that they might increase their activities in D. A. R. work.

They have given generously to the Student Loan Fund, Angel Island, and Ellis Island, a chair in Constitution Hall in honor of Miss Grace Hebard, and to the Constitution Hall fund.

They have accomplished much locally, giving baskets of supplies and clothing to the needy, offering many prizes and medals in the local schools, and helping in Americanization work, both in the schools and among foreigners.



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### ELIZABETH RAMSEY CHAPTER

#### Wheatland, Wyoming

Organization work of this Chapter was begun in the Fall of 1924 by Mrs. Lulie C. Groshon, State Regent, to whose untiring efforts and unflagging zeal its existence is largely due.

The Chapter and its name were accepted by the National Board of Management on April 18, 1925.

The story of Elizabeth Ramsey is that of the courage and thoughtfulness of a young woman, whose father and brothers were with Washington at Valley Forge, and whom she had visited and had seen the need of clothing and comfort. Returning home, she organized the women of her community into an aid society to knit socks, caps and mittens for the men of the camp, volunteering to carry the articles to the men, regardless of the British forces camped all around the road she must take. At last, two large sacks of clothing and supplies were ready, and with these loaded on a pack horse, Elizabeth set forth on the journey which must be made during the night for the most part. What adventures she had or the perils encountered we do not know, but she reached the camp safely and this Chapter feels honored to bear her name.

The twelve members of the new chapter elected Mrs. Minnie Rietz as their Regent. Her faithful work and loyalty to the aims of the organization have made her an outstanding member, both in the chapter and the state society.





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The other officers elected were Vice Regent, Mrs. Mabel Crouter; Secretary, Mrs. Vella Brigham; Treasurer, Mrs. Martha Mason; Registrar, Mrs. Harriet Barton and Chaplain, Mrs. Anna Earhart.

Their first aim was to increase their membership and the restoration of old Fort Laramie.

They have contributed generously to the Student Loan Fund and accomplished a great deal in the Americanization work of their community.

Historical books and patriotic literature have been distributed in the local schools and among the foreigners desiring to become citizens.

A picture of George Washington was presented to the grade school.

Markers have been placed on the graves of all D. A. R. members.

Flower seeds, bulbs and shrubs were given to beautify the city park.

Members worked enthusiastically in all the activities of World War II and contributed generously to all funds.



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### PILOT BUTTE CHAPTER

#### Rock Springs, Wyoming

On February 21, 1931, a group of women interested in D. A. R. met at the home of Mrs. Hubert Webster to take the initial steps in the petition for the establishment of a local chapter in Rock Springs.

A landmark near Rock Springs was called Pilot Butte by the early pioneers and because of its outstanding historical prominence this name was selected for the new chapter.

The formal organization was held on May 25, 1931. This was an impressive meeting with twenty-one members and guests present. Mrs. Hubert Webster was elected the first regent.

Due to the fact that Rock Springs is the center of a large coal mining region, it has drawn a large foreign population of all nationalities. Pilot Butte Chapter realized the need of Americanization work and they have accomplished more in this field than any other chapter in the state. Each year they have an Americanization tea for the foreign born women. They have assisted in the Americanization classes in high school and in summer recreational programs, in co-operation with the school board and interested townspeople.

They have been outstanding in their Junior Citizens Clubs, having organized forty-six clubs with 1,352 members. These clubs have assisted in the pro-



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grams for the teas given in honor of the foreign born women.

Each year Good Citizenship medals are awarded in the Junior High School.

Baskets of food are given at Christmas time to elderly friends and to the needy.

The Chapter has donated generously to Approved Schools, Constitution Hall, Kenmore, the Student Loan Fund, Angel Island, the National Shrine at Valley Forge and many other worthwhile projects.

In 1938-39 a chapter of C. A. R. was organized and a representative was sent to Washington to act as a page.

Throughout the years of World War II, the members of the chapter donated both time and money to the Red Cross, the Blood Plasma Project and the Library Project. They made cookies for the U.S.O., sent books and Christmas boxes to the soldiers and purchased bonds for the chapter.

At present there are thirty-four members, of which seventeen are non-resident.





## SIDE LIGHTS

To the Daughters of the American Revolution in Wyoming the year 1890 is one of unusual significance. Two events of special interest to us occurred in that year—Wyoming was admitted to the Union as the 44th State and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was organized.

During the term of Mary Kingsley Corbett as Regent, the Wyoming State Society of D. A. R. was presented with a gavel by the Princeton Chapter of Princeton, New Jersey. This gavel was made from the wood of a Catalpa tree, owned by Richard Stockton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Also in her administration, a tree was presented and was planted in Cheyenne. This tree is a direct lineal descendant of the famous Washington elm, and when strong enough was to be planted on the Capitol grounds.

In January, 1934, Mrs. Corbett was instrumental in securing space in an iron box sponsored by Colorado Chapter D. A. R., Denver, Colorado; the box to remain sealed for two hundred years. Following is the list of articles placed in the box by the Jacques Laramie Chapter: One D. A. R. manual of the United States as used in Americanization classes; By-Laws of Wyom-



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ing State Conference, 1933; the Nineteenth D. A. R. State Conference program; complete list of D. A. R. members of Wyoming; Prize essay on "Wyoming Trails" written by Mrs. F. H. Roeseller of Rock Springs; Sketch of Cheyenne; "Deadwood Trails" by Mrs. E. B. Willson of Lusk; Historic Sketch by Mrs. Minnie Rietz, of Wheatland; and a printed list of names taken from Register Cliff on the Oregon Trail near Guernsey, Wyoming.

Mrs. Dollie B. Vandevanter, wife of the late Associate Justice Vandevanter, was the first delegate to National Congress from the Cheyenne Chapter.

Mrs. Josiah Van Orsdel of Cheyenne served the National Society as Registrar General from 1929 to 1932. She also served as President of the Children of the American Revolution Society 1925 - 1928.

To honor the memory of Mrs. Maurice Groshon, Dr. Grace R. Hebard and Mrs. Frank W. Mondell, Past State Regents, the chapters purchased chairs in Memorial Continental Hall and Constitution Hall.

Mrs. Charles Burdick, a member of Cheyenne Chapter, was similarly honored by her husband, Charles Burdick.

In appreciation of her service, Fort Casper Chapter purchased a chair in Constitution Hall to honor Mrs. Bryant B. Brooks.

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### **The Good Citizenship Pilgrimage**

In appreciation of character building in good citizenship, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution make an award each year to a High School Senior girl from each state. She is given a trip to Washington, D. C. as the guest of the National Society. The girl chosen must have qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism. During the War, due to travel restrictions, a \$100.00 bond has been substituted for the trip.

The following are the Good Citizenship Pilgrims who have been chosen from the various schools in the state:

- 1938—Betty Lou Seidel, Casper.
- 1939—Lucille Frances Klein, Cheyenne.
- 1940—Joan Clark, Sheridan.
- 1941—Joyce Reeve, Casper.
- 1942—Mary Elizabeth Dixon, Buffalo.
- 1943—Margaret Jean Thompson, Rock Springs.
- 1944—Grace Fliehmann, Thermopolis.
- 1945—Winifred Wright, Sheridan.
- 1946—Joyce Tate, Cheyenne.

Though the youngest in the state, Pilot Butte Chapter has made an enviable record of accomplishment. Its membership includes a group of Public School teachers whose interest and ability have contributed much to the success of the chapter.





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Our State Society owes much to the guests who have graciously accepted our hospitality at the various Conferences. From our sister states of Colorado, Montana and Nebraska have come Daughters whose encouragement and helpfulness stimulated our interest and added to the success of the meetings.

It has always been an inspiration and a pleasure to entertain our Presidents General. The first recorded visit we find is

Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook  
1925 - Casper

Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart  
1931 - Buffalo

Mrs. Edith Scott Magna  
1934 - Casper

Mrs. Florence Hague Becker  
1936 - Laramie

Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr.  
1940 - Cheyenne

Mrs. William H. Pouch  
1942 - Cheyenne

Mrs. Julius Y. Talmadge  
1945 - Casper

Societies for the Children of the American Revolution have been formed at Cheyenne, Rock Springs and Casper.



## *Side Lights*

Among our members there have been many who have written historical sketches and papers and biographies of pioneers. The following writings, all historical in character, have been put into book form:

Pathbreakers from River to Ocean

Bozeman Trail

History and Government of Wyoming and Others

—Grace Raymond Hebard,  
Jacques Laramie Chapter.

Women of Wyoming.

—Cora Brown Beach,  
Inyan Kara Chapter.

Cabin Days.

—Mrs. Eugene Willson,  
Luke Voorhees Chapter.

Trailing the Campfires.

—Elsa Spear Edwards,  
Sheridan Chapter.

Footprints on the Frontier.

—Mrs. Virginia Cole Trinholm,  
Elizabeth Ramsey Chapter.

Inyan Kara Chapter draws her membership from the towns of Newcastle, Upton and Osage. From reports of the chapter, distance seems to have little effect on the many things they are able to accomplish.



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Since Sheridan is located in some of the most beautiful mountain country in the state of Wyoming, Sheridan Chapter has done much to preserve the beauty of the wild flowers and birds by campaigns for their preservation. Talks were given in the public schools, and signs placed to warn against picking flowers.

Mrs. M. B. Walter, Regent of Inyan Kara Chapter, 1942 - 1944, donated a crimping or fluting iron to our National D. A. R. Museum at Washington, D.C. The iron was given to her by her mother, Katherine Strohl Mellinger.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Edith M. Chappell of Fort McKinney Chapter an invaluable record of the chapter's activities was kept, and a scrap-book full of accounts of early settlers and the events of early times.

Fama Stoddard, three times regent of the Luke Voorhees Chapter has made an enviable record. Not once has she been absent while in office, even though it meant driving from Manville to Lusk in all kinds of weather. She also won the D. A. R. service pin for over 1,000 hours of Red Cross work.

In 1938, Washakie Chapter edited one issue of the local paper—the date of same to be just preceding the time of the State Conference. Mrs. Wales was Editor-in-Chief with Mrs. Virgin assisting. Mrs. Axtell was in charge of the advertising.







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THE INDIAN PAINT BRUSH  
(*Castilleja linariifolia*)















